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- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
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- c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 3-6,
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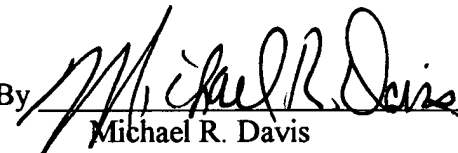
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6. Comments: The European references cited on the attached PTO-1449 form correspond to the Japanese references cited in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed September 28, 2001, which in turn is based on the International Search Report. Copies of all of the European and Japanese references are enclosed.

More specifically, JP '468 corresponds to EP '021; JP '469 corresponds to EP '234; JP '470 corresponds to EP '235; JP '336 corresponds to EP '327; and JP '601 corresponds to EP '584.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AK	0 421 234 ✓	4/1991	Europe				
	AL	0 421 235 ✓	4/1991	Europe				
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